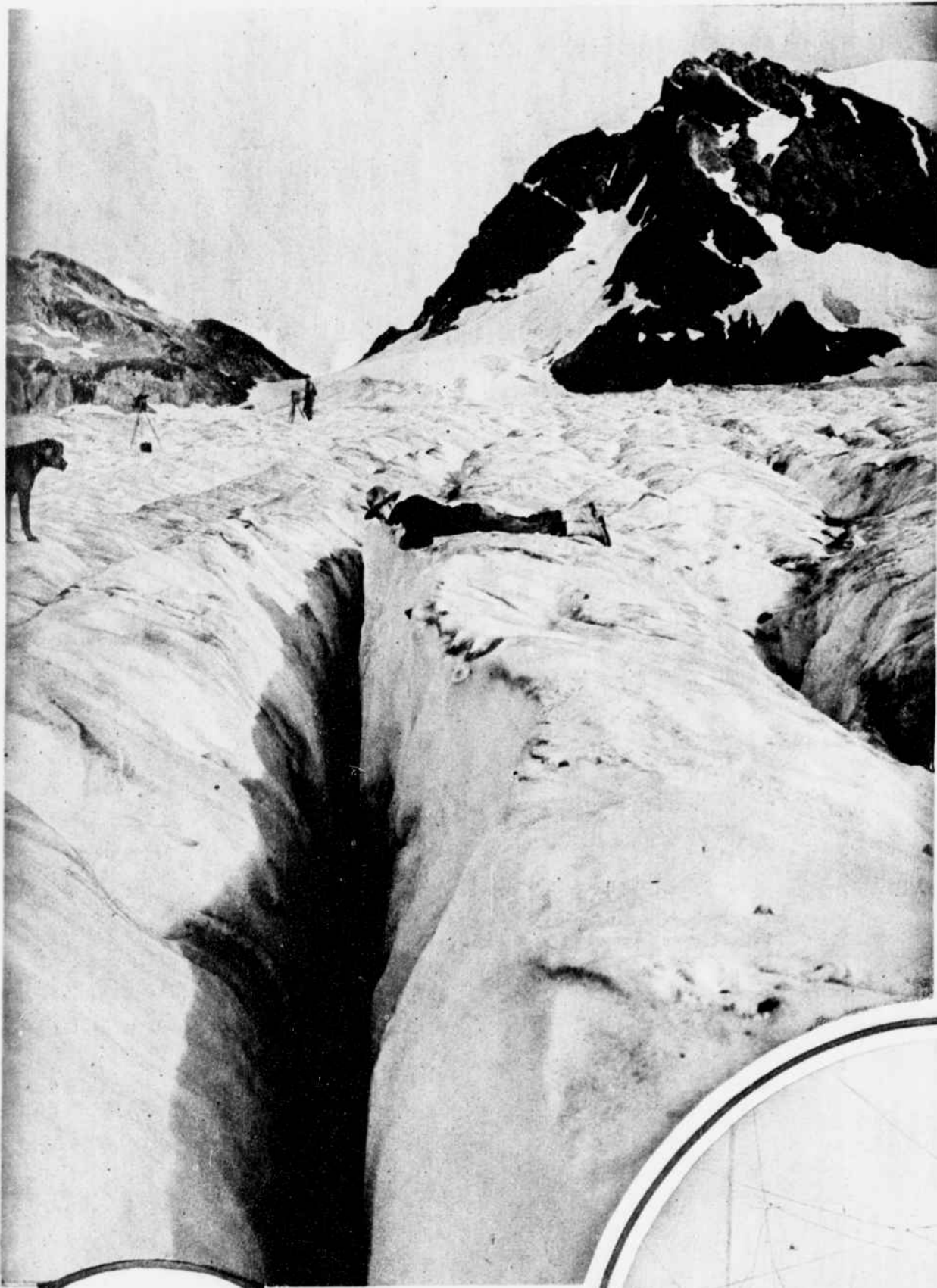


THE GREAT OUTDOORS



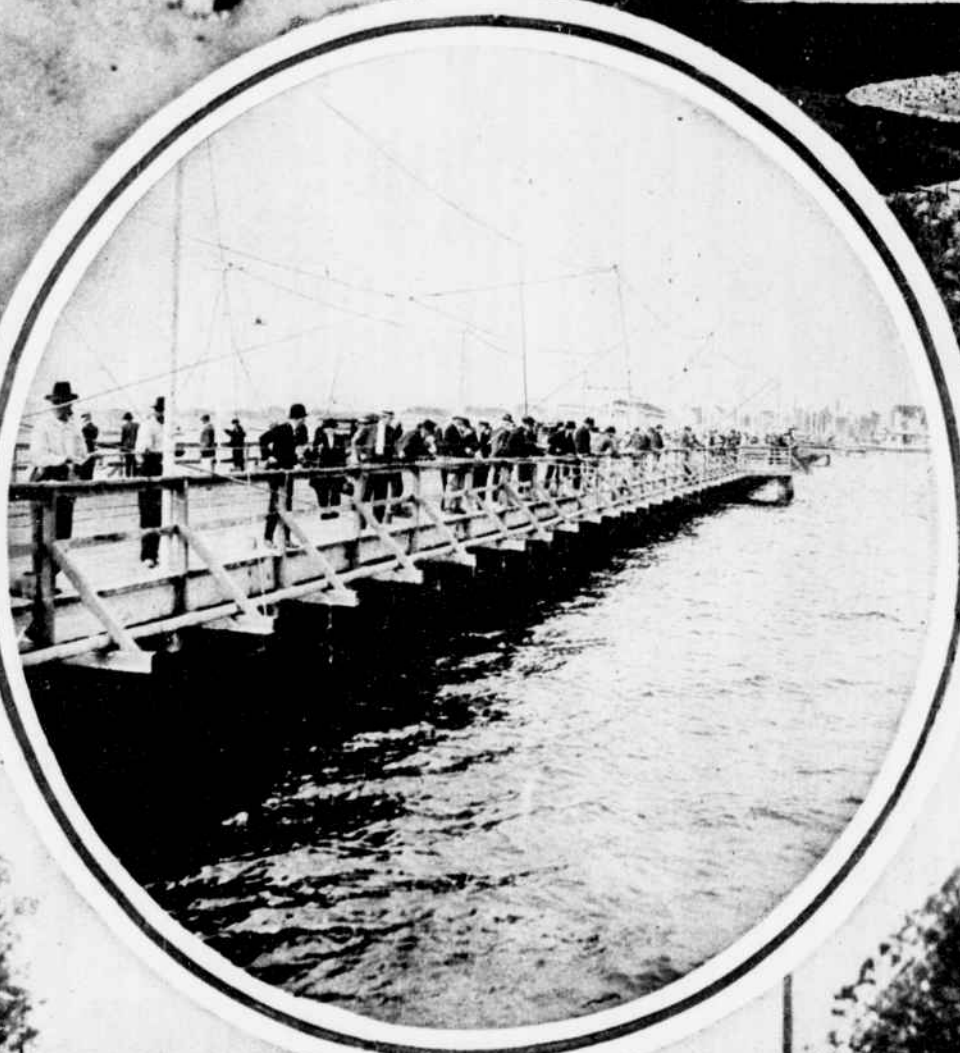
Fox hunting within a couple of hours' ride of the city is one of New York's winter sports. The hunting grounds begin in lower Westchester County and extend through New England. One or two hounds suffice to follow the trail. The hunter stands on a ridge commanding a runway which, from its tracks in the snow, the fox is expected to follow. More foxes are killed in this way every winter in New England than are bagged in the whole country by the hunters who follow the chase on horseback, employ a big pack of hounds and maintain that shooting a fox is unsportsmanlike—which it is not. Photo by Edward Cox.



From beautiful Lake Chelan, in the Cascade Mountains of Washington, it is a twenty-mile horseback ride to Lyman Glacier. You can ride your horse right up to the ice on a fine trail, with some of America's best scenery along the way, and good hunting and fishing in season if you want to indulge. When you get there you will learn many interesting things about glaciers, one of which is that this one has receded more than 100 feet in the last nine years.

Photo by L. D. Lindley.

To New Yorkers the Coney Island pier is the "fishingest" place in all the world. It does not seem possible that so many people with fishing poles can congregate anywhere else. Yet here is St. Petersburg, Florida, with a pier that accom-



modates five hundred without crowding, and fishing so good that sightseers can't use the sidewalk. And no such fish as the Florida fishermen sometimes catch is ever hooked in New York—for example, kingfish weighing five pounds or over.

Unknown to recreation seekers except in a limited way, and chiefly to persons in that part of the country, the Pecos National Forest, in New Mexico, offers many attractions. The climate is splendid, trout fishing is equal to that of widely advertised mountain resorts and big game hunting is unsurpassed in the Southwest. Grizzly bears are still fairly plentiful. Spring is the best season for hunting them. Valley Ranch, near Glorieta, is as yet the only outfitting point.

Despite the closing on February 1, under the federal regulations adopted last summer, of the season for shooting wildfowl, the northern hunter who can go south for sport has still a month of shooting in most of the best quail States. The result of cutting off the duck shooting may be disastrous to the quail supply, and it is expected the quail season will be shortened in some of these States. The best quail shooting is to be found in Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida, in the order named.

A few years ago—how many is not known—the nine-banded armadillo invaded the United States from Mexico. Of the ant-eater family, it was found to be an enemy of ground-nesting birds, and soon threatened the extermination of Texas quail and wild turkeys by eating the eggs in the nests. Charles Apelt, a Bavarian farmer living near the village of Comfort, killed one and, having learned basket making as a boy, made one of the animal's shell. That started an industry. In Kerr County alone, it is said, 50,000 armadillos were killed last year to make souvenir kets. The quail and turkeys are surviving.



Vacation days outdoors in an atmosphere of pine woods, broad, rolling pastures, rail fences and saddle horses have an appeal to Americans of North and South. A winter's day with the famous Highland Park beagles in the vicinity of Aiken, South Carolina, is productive of a ride which for charm will hardly ever be surpassed.

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